

WHEREAS, James Richardson is a dedicated public servant who provided admirable service to the City & County of Honolulu and the State of Hawai'i for thirty-six years; to the National Guard for six years and the Army Reserve for seventeen years; James is one of the hardworking Administrators in the State of Hawai'i who contribute their years of experience to the State government; and

WHEREAS, James Richardson's journey included time spent at the City & County Wastewater Management Division, Hawai'i State Department of Transportation (DOT), Hawai'i Public Housing Authority (HPHA), Hawai'i State Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) – Public Works Division (PWD) and DAGS – Central Services Division (CSD); and

WHEREAS, James Richardson was responsible for approximately 460 employees as Administrator of CSD; CSD services included repair and maintenance of all Department of Education (DOE) schools and DAGS-managed buildings statewide; his efforts saved the State of Hawai'i millions of dollars by improving the efficiency of the Division's operations and by implementing energy saving projects when there was a budget shortfall and rising fuel costs; and

WHEREAS, James Richardson selflessly dedicated his engineering expertise to the government and to the people of Hawai'i; DAGS Comptroller Dean Seki commends James by stating, "Your unselfish sharing of your knowledge and open door policy created a great working environment for your staff as well as your peers"; those who have had the great pleasure to work with James are richer for the experience; and

WHEREAS, James Richardson found time in his strenuous professional schedule to contribute to the community by organizing fundraisers for Aloha United Way and the Hawai'i Foodbank; James also served on the Board of Directors of Hawai'i 3R's, an initiative to "Repair, Remodel and Restore" Hawai'i's schools; and

WHEREAS, James Richardson's last day as a State Civil Service employee will be December 31, 2012; his exemplary service will be missed; James continues to be a model friend, mentor and pillar of the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim December 21, 2012, as

"JAMES RICHARDSON DAY"

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to recognize the hard work and dedication that James provided to the State and to the people of Hawai'i during his many progressive years of employment.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-first day of December, 2012.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE Governor, State of Hawai'i

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i